

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 10, 17, and 18 are pending in the present application, Claims 9, 10, 17, and 18 having been amended, Claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 20, and 22 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present amendment. Support for the present amendment is believed to be self-evident from the originally filed specification.¹ No new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 18 and 20 were objected to; Claims 9, 10, 17, 18, 20, and 22 were rejected as being unpatentable over Wiser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,596, hereinafter Wiser) in view of Sahai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,699, hereinafter Sahai); and Claims 6, 7, 14, and 15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Wiser in view of Sahai and in further view of Putz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,210,824, hereinafter Putz).

With respect to the objection to Claims 18 and 20, these claims are amended as suggested by the Office Action. Support for this amendment is found in Applicants' Fig. 2. Thus, this ground of objection is overcome.

In reply, Claims 20 and 22 have been amended for clarity, consistent with 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Furthermore, each of the independent claims has been amended to clarify patentably distinction features of the present invention and various dependent claims canceled or amended to be consistent with the amended independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 9 patentably distinguishes over the cited references. Amended Claim 9 recites, *inter alia*,

a receiving step for receiving authorization through
a dialog box of a graphical user interface to covert the
predetermined content into a third format identical to the

¹ See, for example, Applicants' Figs. 2 and 24.

format that is operable with the another information processing apparatus.

Wiser, Sahai, and Putz, when taken in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest at least this feature of amended Claim 9.

Page 10 of the Office Action acknowledges that Wiser and Sahai do not expressly teach converting either the first or second file to a third file for storing the predetermined content in a third format. Thus, it follows that Wiser and Sahai do not disclose the above-noted features of Claim 9.

The Office Action relies upon Putz to describe converting one format to another format. However, Putz does not describe “a receiving step for receiving authorization through a dialog box of a graphical user interface to convert the predetermined content into a third format identical to the format that is operable with the another information processing apparatus.” Rather than using a GUI to authorize the format conversion, Putz states that “[a]ll format conversions...are transparent to their users...”² This means that there is no GUI in Putz for authorizing the conversion, wherein such a GUI would not be transparent to the users.

Applicants respectfully submit that a person of ordinary skill in the art could not properly combine Wiser, Sahai, and Putz to arrive at the claimed “a receiving step for receiving authorization through a dialog box of a graphical user interface to convert the predetermined content into a third format identical to the format that is operable with the another information processing apparatus.”

In view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 9 patentably defines over the asserted prior art. Although of differing statutory class and/or scope it is respectfully submitted that Claims 17 and 18

² Putz, abstract.

also patentably define over the asserted prior art for similar reasons discussed above with regard to amended Claim 9.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is definite and patentably distinguishing over the asserted prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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